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MINISTRY OF

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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Year ending 31st December, 1925.

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RIPON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Ripon Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1925, upon the Sanitary condition and the health of the district I regret that an epidemic of Scarlet Fever in the Autumn marred an otherwise satisfactory year as regards Zymotic diesase, but I am gratified to report a low mortality

The following report is formulated in accordance with the Memorandum of the Ministry of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	49,427
Population	5,024
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,258
Rateable Value	£63,969
Sum represented by one penny rate under Agricultural Rates Act, 1923	£160 15s. 2d.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

Males.	Females.	Total.	Illegitimate.
49	46	95	4

Birth-rate 18·9 per 1000.

Birth-rate England and Wales 18·3 per 1000.

DEATHS.

Males.	Females.	Total.
38	39	77

Death-rate 15·3 per 1000.

Death-rate for England and Wales 12·2 per 1000.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1000 births, 52·6.

Deaths from Measles	Nil
Whooping Cough	Nil
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	Nil

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	Male.	Female.
Scarlet Fever	1	—
Influenza	1	1
Tuberculosis (respiratory) ...	3	4
Cancer	7	3
Diabetes	1	—
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	2	4
Heart Disease	4	7
Arterio-Sclerosis	1	—
Bronchitis	4	2
Pneumonia	2	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	1
Ulcers of Stomach or duoderum ...	1	3
Appendicitis	1	—
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	—	1
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth	2	—
Deaths from Violence	1	1
Other Defined Diseases ...	7	9
Included above—		
Poliomyelitis	1	—

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE.

The Private Nursing in the district is for the most part undertaken by the Nursing Home, situated in Ripon City.

District Nurses are provided for the following districts :—

Bishop Monkton, Skelton, North Stainley, Sawley, Sharow, Kirkby Malzeard.

These Nurses practise Midwifery and do a certain amount of General Nursing. Many of them do the School Work.

Infectious diseases are treated at the Joint Hospital, situated in the City area, and a Cab ambulance is provided for the removal of patients. It is most desirable that a Motor Ambulance should be obtained since the time involved at present is often very considerable and the delay detrimental.

The Small-pox Hospital is situated in the Country, and has not fortunately been made use of.

Bacteriological and Pathological examinations are carried out at the County Laboratory, and the Tuberculosis Dispensary at Harrogate is utilised, and both these Institutions have proved very helpful.

The Cottage Hospital in Ripon City is serving the needs of the district in a very satisfactory manner, and the extensions will provide twelve extra beds.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever	21
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	3
Other Forms	2

Eighteen cases of Scarlet Fever were removed to Hospital.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS.

Factories inspections	48
Workshops inspections	18

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Medical Officer, W. S. Waterhouse

Sanitary Inspector, J. W. Plewes.

Public Health Acts, 1890, Sub-sections (2) of Section 23, Section 25 and 33 and

Public Health Act, 1875, Section 44, by Order of the Local Government Board dated 5th March, 1908,

Public Health Act, Amendment Act, 1890, Section 49, Adopted August, 1905.

Public Health Act, 1875, Section 149, Adopted May, 1924.

BYELAWS.

Dated the 20th March, 1908, allowed by the Local Government Board, 18th May, 1908.

SEWERAGE.

Want of Sewers, Galphay and Mickley.

Privies with open Middens...	542
Pail or Tub Closets	22
Privies with covered Middens	236
Privies reconstructed	9
Closets for New Houses	6

SCAVENGING.

No Change.

Nuisances inspections 507.

Reported	48
Abated	46
Notices served. Informal	42
„ complied with	42
Notices served, Statutory	4
„ complied with	4

HOUSING.

There is no acute shortage of houses, but many in the district are too small for the needs, especially with regard to bedroom accommodation. Many are very old and damp, being built of cobbles and with no damp proof course, but in my opinion this obtains in many rural areas. Wages are low and do not permit of high rents such as would be charged for new houses. A very large percentage have numerous minor defects, and these are now being remedied although perhaps not so speedily as they might be.

No obstructive buildings.

No unhealthy areas.

No reconstruction schemes.

No houses acquired for division into separate tenements.

Overcrowding to slight extent at Markington.

No state aided housing schemes during the year.

Total number of inspections	340

50 per cent of which has slight defects. These are being gradually remedied without Statutory Notices,

Several very bad houses at Markington will require to receive further consideration.

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation	10
Houses totally unfit	7
Total number of houses	1258
No. of houses built under state aided and all conditions—Working Class dwellings	6

It has been found impossible to deal with houses under closure orders until there is alternative accommodation.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. S. WATERHOUSE.



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